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Mandela Brings Message of International Cooperation to Campus



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Nelson Mandela is joined on the stage at Cole Field House by (l-r) Irwin Goldstein, dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences; Shibley Telhami, Anwar Sadat Professor of Peace and Development; Sheila Sisuli, South African ambassador; Governor Parris Glendening and President Dan Mote. Also on stage were Jehan Sadat, senior fellow at the Center for International Development and Conflict Management and Ralph Benet, School of Architecture professor and university marshal.

Though his 83-year-old frame may be frail, Nelson Mandela's presence and message conveyed the strength that has kept him fighting for freedom and equality for most of his life. At his recent campus appearance, he received an extended standing ovation as he made his way

onto the stage, leaning on President Dan Mote for support.

Mandela delivered this year's Anwar Sadat Lecture for Peace, sponsored by the Anwar Sadat Chair for Peace and Development, which is housed in the Center for International Development and Conflict Management, a division of the

Department of Government and Politics. Shibley Telhami holds the chair.

Jehan Sadat, Anwar Sadat's widow and the creator of the endowment that funds the chair, introduced Mandela by saying, "We are in the presence

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History Author, Alumnus Adds Lectureship to Legacy

When Nathan Miller was an undergraduate things were different at the University of Maryland. Many of the male students were World War II veterans, the school was much smaller and there none of those academic perks for students like lecturers, seminars or visiting professors. It was 1947.

"We had none of that," Miller said. And though times have changed, Miller wants to give back to his alma mater, a place where he got his start, by offering students something that he didn't have.

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and will bring a speaker to campus annually.

"(The lectureship) gives us the resources to bring in extraordinary distinguished historians and public intellectuals who ordinarily, because of their fame and the amount of attention they demand, could be out of our reach," Gary Gerstle, director of the Center for Historical Study, said. "It's a lectureship of true distinction."

The first holder of the lectureship is David Kennedy, a Pulitzer Prize winning historian from Stanford University whose most recent book dis-



Jeanette and Nathan Miller

tion from Miller and his wife, also an alum, the Nathan and Jeanette Miller Distinguished Lecture in History and Public Affairs has been established

cusses the Great Depression and World War II. Miller said that Kennedy is the perfect

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On a Mission of Peaceful Resistance

Growing up in Kabul, Tahmeena Faryal saw too many young women of her generation beaten, literally and figuratively, by the Taliban.

She saw lives consumed by despair, many ending in suicide. She herself was flogged in the streets for common infractions: traveling without a male relative, talking to a male shopkeeper.

Facing such devastating social conditions as exist for women in Afghanistan, it would be easy to give up. But the path Faryal has chosen is resistance, and in RAWA—the Revolutionary Association of Women in Afghanistan—she serves alongside many others with a shared purpose.

RAWA is an Afghan women's organization working in Afghanistan and Pakistan to empower women and peacefully resist fundamentalist domination. The 24-year-old social and political group has more than 2,000 women members in Afghanistan and Pakistan. They educate hundreds of women

and children in underground schools. In Afghan refugee camps, they teach handicraft projects for women and distribute free medicine. They also work to expose the crimes of the Taliban, surreptitiously documenting public executions and other atrocities.

Faryal was educated in RAWA schools and began her work with the group at age 19. At 20, she left Afghanistan to work in refugee camps in Pakistan, often crossing the border back into her native country to organize demonstrations and distribute RAWA literature. She is now a member of RAWA's political committee and has become a spokesperson for the organization. The work is not without

great risk, as RAWA members face attack and assassination if discovered. Death threats come daily by phone and e-mail. But Faryal and her fellow RAWA members have decided the risks are preferable to the status quo.

Faryal will bring RAWA's message to the university this week. She will speak about RAWA's activities over the past two and a half decades, the current war in Afghanistan and the Northern Alliance.

The event is cosponsored by the Women's Studies Department, Amnesty International, the Peace Forum, Asian American Studies, the Women's Circle, the Women's Studies Graduate Student Organization, the Ahmadi Muslim Student Association, the Graduate Lambda Coalition and the Associate Provost of Equity and Diversity.

For more information about RAWA, visit www.rawa.org. For more information about the event, contact Robyn Epstein at (301) 405-6877 or robyn_epstein@hotmail.com.

Faryal will speak on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union. Arrive early to ensure seating. No photography is allowed.

Scholar Brings Work Home

Tucked into a corner on the first floor of Anne Arundel Hall, home of the University Honors Program, is a one-bedroom apartment occupied by the program's current scholar in residence. However, its occupant is more likely found in a classroom or on a stage.

Charles Manekin, the director of philosophy's undergraduate studies and a specialist in medieval Jewish philosophy, is serving his second term as the resident grownup. The 10-year-old residence program places a faculty member, rent free, within the honors community so that students can get to know an instructor outside the classroom. A Russian physicist was one of the first. James McGregor Burns was the scholar in residence for about four years. Kweli-smith, a performance artist and poet, was resident scholar twice. Lee Hamilton, from

sociology, spent time in the dorms and a poet graduate student, Jennifer Stinsman, stayed a year and taught and led poetry workshops.

"I did this about three or four years ago for about a year and a half," says Manekin. He enjoyed the experience so much that he returned, with a grand idea.

Traditionally, University Honors Program scholars or artists in residence teach at least one honors seminar, organize late-night study sessions and discussions, or host mixers and other social events. Manekin wanted to do something that involved honors students from several departments and allowed participants to see connections between disciplines. So, he is directing and playing a lead in a production of "Waiting for Godot." The effort melds his love for the

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YOUR GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY EVENTS: NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 4

TUESDAY

november 27

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: The Quantum Hall Effect Meets Bose Condensation 1410 Physics. With James Eisenstein, California Institute of Technology. For more information, call 5-5945.

5 p.m., Guarneri String Quartet Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. A public rehearsal by world-renowned ensemble, artists-in residence and faculty members at the School of Music. For the school's concert calendar, visit www.umd.edu/music/calendar. For more information, call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

8-10 p.m., University of Maryland Brass Ensemble Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Magnificent works for brass by Giovanni Gabrieli and composers who influenced or were influenced by him. The 24-piece Brass Ensemble performs from the balconies of the grand Concert Hall. Call (301) 405-ARTS or e-mail seigenbr@deans.umd.edu, or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

WEDNESDAY

november 28

12-1 p.m., Research and Development Presentation: Alcohol Use and Alcohol-related Issues Among U.S. Ethnic Minorities 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Building. With Charles Christian, Department of Geography and Institute of Urban Studies. Contact Vivian Boyd, Counseling Center director, at 4-7675.

6:30-10 p.m., Skywarn Class See For Your Interest, page 4.

THURSDAY

november 29

8:45 a.m.-12 p.m., Intermediate HTML 4404 Computer & Space Science. Learn to create a fictitious departmental Web page. Prerequisite: basic knowledge of HTML. The fee is \$40. Contact the OIT Training Services Coordinator at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc.

1-4 p.m., It's Not Just Secret Santa in December: Addressing Workplace Climate Issues Linked to Christian Privilege 1101U Chesapeake Building. This program will focus on creating an inclusive work environment that supports and values the identities of Christian and non-Christian employees, while addressing subtle forms of discrimination that primarily affect non-Christians. Open to anyone regardless of religious identification or lack thereof. Contact Mark Brimhall Vargas at 5-2840 or mb333@umail.umd.edu.

4:15-5:30 p.m., Talk About Teaching: Shakespeare Conference room, Center for Renaissance and Baroque Studies, 0135 Taliaferro. Discussion with Jackson Barry, Department of English. The Center Alliance for School Teachers (CAST) is an academic professional development program for teachers of the humanities. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or to RSVP, contact Nancy Traubitz at 5-6830 or nt32@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.inform.umd.edu/crbs/programs/cast.

6-8 p.m., Revolutionary Association of Women in Afghanistan (RAWA) Event See "On a Mission of Peaceful Resistance," page 1.

7:30p.m., Maryland Gospel Choir Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Featuring premieres of new gospel works. Call (301) 405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

FRIDAY

november 30

12-1:30 p.m., Center for Teaching Excellence Workshop Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall. "Winterterm Courses: Special Teaching & Learning Strategies & Opportunities." All University of Maryland teachers and others interested in ideas and issues related to teaching and learning are invited. Light refreshments will be served. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.umd.edu/cte or contact Mary Wesley at 5-9356 or cte@umail.umd.edu.

8-10 p.m., Sarah Rothenberg, piano Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clar-

World AIDS Week

The student group AIDS Needs Greater Education, Love and Support (ANGELS) is hosting events throughout the week to promote awareness:

• Tuesday, Nov. 27: Free HIV Testing from Whitman-Walker Clinic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union.

• Wednesday, Nov. 28: AIDS Quilt on Display, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Prince George's Room, Stamp Union.

• Thursday, Nov. 29: AIDS Awareness Ribbons, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Stamp Union.

For more information, contact Rebecca Krochmal at rkrochma@wam.umd.edu.

ice Smith Performing Arts Center. The piano recital is re-invented to explore how past and present are experienced in music and poetry. Historic recordings of poetry read by Anna Akhmatova and Joseph Brodsky are interwoven throughout. Tickets are \$20; call (301) 405-ARTS. For more information, contact Amy Harbison at 5-8169 or harbison@wam.umd.edu, or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

SATURDAY

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7:30-9:30 p.m., Le nozze di Figaro Ina and Jack Kay Theatre, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The School of Music presents Mozart's timeless comic masterpiece. Tickets are \$20; call (301) 405-ARTS. For more information, contact Amy Harbison at 5-8169 or harbison@wam.umd.edu, or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

8 p.m., Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Features student and faculty cast members. For tickets call (301) 405-ARTS. For more information, contact Charles Manekin at 5-4253 or cm8@umail.umd.edu.

8-10 p.m., MytholoJazz Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. David Gonzalez with the D.D. Jackson Trio and Lenard Petit, director, add a musical twist to the

Greek myth "Orpheus and Eurydice." Orpheus is cast as a jazz-playing bebopper who travels to the underworld to rescue his beloved Eurydice. Also features the Chilean legend "Degadina" about a village girl who gets the Midas touch from a magical red snake. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for youth; call (301) 405-ARTS. For information, contact Amy Harbison at 5-8169 or harbison@wam.umd.edu, or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

SUNDAY

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2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. See Dec. 1.

MONDAY

december 3

8:45 a.m.-12 p.m., Introduction to HTML 4404 Computer & Space Science. Learn to create quality HTML documents. Prerequisite: familiarity with the Web and Netscape. The fee is \$40. For more information, contact the OIT Training Services Coordinator at 5-0443 or oit-training@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc.

12 p.m., CHPS Colloquium: Selection, Drift, or What? Evolution of the Scarlet Tiger Moth, *P. dominula*, 1947-2000 1208 Biology/Psychology. With Rob Skipper, University of Cincinnati. Cosponsored by the Department of Biology and Program in Behavior, Evolution, Ecology and Systematics (BEES), the Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science, the College of Arts and Humanities, and IPST. Contact hp26@umail.umd.edu, 5-5691 or visit <http://carnap.umd.edu/chps/>.

3 p.m., Discussion with Dr. Stephen Younger, Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency 1412 Physics. Call 5-5945 or e-mail sheldon@physics.umd.edu.

4 p.m., A Tale of Three Cities: How the United States Won World War II See "History Author, Alumnus Adds Lectureship to Legacy," page 1.

4 p.m., Entomology Colloquium: The Aggregation of Invertebrate Predators in Complex Habitats: Ecological Mechanisms and Practical Applications 1140 Plant Sciences. With Gail Lengelotto, Entomology Department. For more information, call 5-3955.

TUESDAY

december 4

12-1 p.m., Brown Bag Lunch for Associate Professors

Maryland Room, Marie Mount Hall. There is a tenure clock for promotion to associate professor, but none exists for consideration for promotion to full professor. This workshop, conducted by Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs Ellin Scholnick, provides some markers that P&T committees use to evaluate dossiers. Call 5-6803 to reserve a space. For more information, contact Ellin Scholnick, 5-4252 or es8@umail.umd.edu.

12:30-2 p.m., Rewriting the Twentieth Century 1102 Francis Scott Key Hall. The Center for Historical Studies presents a joint seminar conducted by David Kennedy of Stanford University and James Gilbert, University of Maryland. Buffet lunch at noon.

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: Experiments At The Interface Between Particle Physics And Astro Physics 1410 Physics. With Steve Ritz, Goddard Space Flight Center, NASA. Call 5-5945.

8 p.m., Town Hall Meeting with Senator John McCain See For Your Interest, page 4.

Clarification

Distinguished University Professors are not required to present lectures, as is stated in the Nov. 13 issue of Outlook, in the article "University Bestows Top Honors on Faculty Members." They do have access to an annual honorarium to further their research.

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Godot: Living, Learning Not Just for Students

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theater and the philosophical questions of life he discusses in his classes.

The play, by Samuel Beckett, is a spare work heavy with symbolism and haunting questions about humanity and faith. Harry B. Turner, a fellow amateur actor and Baltimore lawyer, plays the second lead. Honors students were asked to portray other characters. To Manekin's delight and surprise, the Department of Theatre adopted the play as one of its student works.

"It's been absolutely phenomenal," he says. "We'll get technical support, costumes, sets, oversight and the wonderful Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. James Thorpe, an associate professor in the art department internationally known for his theater poster art, volunteered to design the "Godot" poster. Karl Kippola, an accomplished director and graduate assistant with the department, will assist with directing."

The play adds a quite a bit of work to Manekin's already full schedule, so he appreciates the expert assistance. A husband and dad to two children at home in Israel, Manekin has been with the philosophy department for at least eight years, commuting back several times a school year. His wife will join him next semester as a post-doctoral student in Jewish studies.

"Because my family isn't here, it gives me a little free time to do this stuff. It's great for me. It's a community. Very often, I've just been some guy renting a basement apartment," says Manekin. "I've been

very grateful to the university. On the one hand, I have to commute 6,000 miles to go home, but on the other, it's a 30 second bike ride to my office."

Though the scholar and artist in residence program best fits faculty members at a certain place in their lives and careers, Manekin feels more should take advantage of the opportunity. He hopes this project is a model for similar interdepartmental collaborations in the future.

"And a goal is to see a student-run theater group which would continue this sort of thing year after year," he says.



Charles Manekin (I) as Estragon and Harry Turner as Vladimir rehearse "Waiting for Godot" at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Performances of "Waiting for Godot" will take place at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1, and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for students). For ticket information, call (301) 405-ARTS.

Miller: Historian Gives Gift to the Future

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example of whom the lecture-ship should bring to campus, and Gerstle agrees.

"What we're interested in is someone who can straddle the world of academia and public affairs," Gerstle said. They both want someone who is a good writer and can speak with knowledge and authority on the world today.

"We won't simply bring in historians. We will also bring in public figures, public intellectuals who are involved in important debates and have great knowledge to bare on the current situations," Gerstle added. He wants the lecture-ship to help them stimulate dialogue on campus between faculty and students as well as within the larger community.

Miller, who graduated with a bachelor's in history and economics and a master's in history, has had a full career as somewhat of a public intellectual. He spent 15 years as a journalist at the Baltimore Sun, working as a foreign correspondent in Latin America and later covering Washington. He left the newspaper business and moved to Capitol Hill, working as a staff member for senate committees.

The following is a schedule of events for David M.

Kennedy, the Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History at Stanford University:

Monday, Dec. 3, 4 p.m., Nathan and Jeanette Miller Distinguished Lecture in History and Public Affairs Multipurpose Room of the Nyumburu Center. Kennedy's lecture: "A Tale of Three Cities: How the United States Won World War II."

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 9-10:30 a.m., Breakfast with graduate students Deans Conference Room in Francis Scott Key. Those interested in participating should RSVP to Stephen Johnson by Wednesday, Nov. 28 at (301) 405-8739 or historycenter@umail.umd.edu. Space is limited to 25.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 12:30 p.m., Rewriting the Twentieth Century Deans Conference Room, Francis Scott Key Hall. Kennedy and James Gilbert, history professor, offer a faculty/graduate seminar. Buffet lunch to be served at noon.

As he moved on from newspapers, he knew he would finally have the time to do what he really wanted to: write books. His first book was published in 1977, "War at Sea: A Naval History of World War II." Miller served in the Navy for about 16 months.

Fourteen books have followed the first and Miller has since been nominated for a Pulitzer five times. His most popular book was a biography on Theodore Roosevelt, now in its 11th paperback printing.

"I knew I would never write a book working as a journalist," Miller said about his change in occupations. "To be any good at it you have to write full time."

History is a subject he has always enjoyed.

"It's basically the word itself, it's a story," he said. "It's a man and woman's story. It's people at their best and worst. What can be more fascinating?"

At 74, Miller is still writing. He is currently working on a book about the 1920s—a time, he asserts, that is the start of the modern world as we know it. His wife, Jeanette, is still working as a psychiatrist in her private practice.

Mandela: Freedom Fighter

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of greatness... In these difficult times, when so many are finding themselves in the grip of fear, we need to remind ourselves of the bravery of men such as Anwar Sadat and Nelson Mandela. We need to remember what they left behind in order to bring peace and justice to their people... they changed the course of history."

Mandela, former president of the Republic of South Africa and a political prisoner for 27 years, spoke from a prepared text, though he deviated often. Many of his asides were met with audience applause as he addressed America's military policy, attitudes toward Arab countries and Western democracy versus other forms of government.

"There are certain respects in which the Arabs have served their people in a way that you do not see in the West at all," he said. "Saudi Arabia, for example, has free education from the time they begin right up to university, and after university, the students are given an allowance. They have free health services, there are no taxes, housing is so heavily subsidized that to get a house is next to nothing. You don't find that in the West."



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

His strong words were mixed with small moments of humor as Mandela joked when he unintentionally left his text, and when he thanked the audience for having patience with "an old man."

As expected, he referenced the events of September 11 frequently, saying, "While the divide between the rich and the poor, with the latter vastly outnumbering the former, continues to grow, we allow fertile breeding ground for discontent and for extremism and terrorism. Our fight for peace is also and importantly a war against poverty and deprivation."

Excerpts from Nelson Mandela's Anwar Sadat Lecture for Peace

On international relations:

"We must wish that the military action needed in pursuit of the objectives against terrorism will be concluded in the shortest time possible and that the world attention can turn to the other forms of action required to combat and eradicate terrorism, thereby creating a safer and more secure world for all."

"In a world where, as we are now witnessing, the pursuit of peace and the conduct of war sometimes coincide, it is absolutely necessary that our international and multilateral bodies become more effective agencies for conflict management, resolution and prevention, and in the fight against terrorism."

"It is the duty of every country, big and small, to respect the United Nations. We condemn countries, no matter who they are, that avoid the United Nations...and violate the integrity of other countries, whatever the excuse is...It is something that we have to condemn, in the strongest sense. If you are a public figure, you don't hesitate to criticize any country, even those countries who happen to assist in the development of your country. You must thank them when they do good and we must criticize and even condemn them when they deviate from the basic rules the international community has laid out to ensure that the problems are settled peacefully through

negotiations and through respect..."

On democracy:

"We shall not be as arrogant to dictate that one particular form of democracy that we are used to and practice in our own country provides the answer to all situations. There are countries without the popular institutions we know that provide the social and economic needs of their citizens to a far greater extent than many of the popular democracies."

On a solution to the conflict in the Middle East:

"It is appropriate in this Sadat lecture that we should point specifically to the situation in the Middle East and the imperative that a lasting and just settlement be found to that long simmering conflict. Toward the end of 1999, we visited a number of capitals in that region and stipulated three conditions for finding a settlement.

"Firstly, the withdrawal of Israel from all occupied Arab territories; secondly, the unequivocal commitment by the Arab countries to the right of Israel to exist within secure borders...and to establish diplomatic relations with that country; and thirdly, an international commission acceptable to both parties to oversee the negotiations and implementation of these agreements. That is what will bring about a solution."

For Your Interest

Skywarn Class

Interested in learning more about what causes severe weather and how to recognize the warning signs? The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for College Park 10 minutes before the tornado struck. Find out how they did it at a training course on becoming a Skywarn spotter for the National Weather Service, conducted by Barbara Watson from the National Weather Service.

The class will take place Nov. 28 from 6:30-10 p.m. It is free but registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Craig Carignan at (301) 405-1996 or craigc@ssl.umd.edu, or visit <http://205.156.54.206/er/lwx/skywarn/classes.html>.

Holiday Wine Dinner

Start the holiday season with a preview of the university's own Federal Period Inn decorated for the holidays at our first Black Tie Wine Dinner on Friday, Nov. 30 from 6-9 p.m. The seven-course dinner includes wines from Gallo vineyards. Reservations required. \$59.99 per person plus tax and gratuity. Club members receive a 15 percent discount.

For more information, contact Pam Whitlow at (301) 314-8012 or pwhitlow@dining.umd.edu.

McCain Town Meeting

A Town Hall Meeting with Senator John McCain will be held Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in Memorial Chapel. The event is sponsored by the Center for American Politics and Citizenship. All are invited, and no RSVP is required.

For information on the Center for American Politics and Citizenship, visit www.capc.umd.edu/. For information on Senator McCain, visit www.senate.gov/~mccain/.

For more information about the event, call the Center for American Politics and Citizenship at (301) 405-9653.

New Library Copy Card Implementation Delay

Implementation of the Library's new copy card system has been delayed indefinitely. Please continue to add value to current UMCP ID's and copy cards. New copy cards can also be purchased. The library regrets any inconvenience these delays have caused. For more information, contact Mark Wilkerson at (301) 405-9057 or mw106@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.lib.umd.edu/COPY.

Defense Threat Reduction Agency Discussion

At a time when the proliferation of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons is a major concern, the Department of

Professors Honored for International Leadership



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Raymond J. Miller (l), professor of agronomy and director of the Office of International Programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources, recently received the Distinguished International Service Award from President Dan Mote (r) and Saul Sosnowski, director of International Programs. The ceremony also recognized Marcus Franda, a professor of government and politics, with a Landmark Award presented by Provost William Destler.

Specializing in distance learning, science and education management and administration, and assessment of agricultural science and education, Miller currently is active in programs in China, Russia and Uzbekistan. He also is involved in organizing international training workshops and developing programs in Kazakhstan, focusing on agricultural development, information technology and Web-based instruction.

Peanut Butter and Legos Help Make Engineering Fun



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA MITCHEL

One hundred and twenty-eight students in grades kindergarten through 12, and 75 of their parents, attended the third Engineering Day hosted by the Center for Minorities in Science and Engineering. Maryland undergraduates led students through 10th grade in hands-on science and engineering activities. High school juniors and seniors attended a conference and participated in activities. Using Legos, students built a car based on their computer design. They then competed to see which car would move 8 feet. Above, Aesha Minter, senior mathematics major and Anita Roy-Lewis, senior electrical engineering, work with students during the "Microprocessor: Peanut Butter and Jelly" workshop where students in third through fifth grade learned about how to program a robot to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Physics and College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences will host a discussion with Stephen Younger, recently appointed director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). He will offer brief comments and answer questions on Monday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. in the Physics lecture hall (Room 1412).

The DTRA is a joint-service Department of Defense agency headed by Younger, a Maryland

physics doctorate alumnus ('78). The agency, located at Fort Belvoir, Va., is responsible for safeguarding America and its allies from weapons of mass destruction by reducing present threats and preparing for future threats. DTRA attempts to shape the international environment and prepares for an uncertain future shadowed by the threat of terrorist attack.

The DTRA is responsible for numerous matters concerning

technology security, and reports to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy regarding these issues. As a combat support agency, DTRA is also prepared to provide direct support to U.S. combat forces in wartime or emergency situations and reports directly to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

For more information, contact Sheldon Smith at (301) 405-5945 or by e-mail at sheldon@physics.umd.edu.